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INPUT/OUTPUT (I/O) PERFORMANCE BETWEEN HOST SYSTEMS
AND STORAGE VOLUMES

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This paper is submitted in response to a final office action in the above case dated October 15, 2007 in which the Examiner rejected the claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. During a phone interview held on January 22, 2008, the Examiners found that the arguments attorney for Applicants presented to distinguish over the cited art were persuasive. The Examiners requested Applicants to present the persuasive arguments in a response and that the Examiner would withdraw the rejection and update his search. Applicants submit the arguments presented during the phone interview and submit that pending claims 1-5, 7-18, and 20-39 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

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